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URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT THE INTERNET COMMUNITY PORTS ACT OF 2007.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the internet has become an extremely important and popular
4 means of exchanging information, and it is relied on in Arizona for business,
5 education, recreation and other uses; and

6 Whereas, many internet sites contain material that is pornographic,
7 either obscene or inappropriate for children, and a majority of these sites
8 originate in the United States but outside of Arizona; and

9 Whereas, the availability of internet pornography on the job costs
10 Arizona employers a significant number of work hours, strains employers'
11 computer equipment, reduces productivity and leads to potentially hostile
12 work environments; and

13 Whereas, while the custody, care and nurturing of children reside
14 primarily with parents, the widespread availability of internet pornography
15 and the ability of children to circumvent existing filtering technology
16 defeat the best attempts at parental supervision and control; and

17 Whereas, internet pornographers use evolving techniques to lure
18 Arizona's children and others into viewing and purchasing pornographic
19 material, defying existing technology designed to block adult content; and

20 Whereas, current methods for protecting computers and computer networks
21 from unwanted internet content are expensive and easily circumvented and
22 block more than the intended content; and

23 Whereas, because children, employees and others may seek out
24 pornography, warnings and other labels meant to help avoid inadvertent hits
25 on pornographic sites may actually increase the likelihood that these sites
26 will be visited; and

27 Whereas, it is the policy of the United States to ensure vigorous
28 enforcement of federal criminal laws to deter and punish trafficking in
29 obscenity, stalking, child pornography and harassment by means of the
30 internet; and

31 Whereas, it is the policy of the United States to encourage the
32 development of technologies that maximize user control over the internet; and

33 Whereas, protecting the physical and psychological well-being of
34 Arizona's children by shielding them from inappropriate materials is a
35 compelling state interest, as is protecting the right of Arizona's citizens
36 to control the materials that enter their homes and other private property
37 and the education of their children; and

38 Whereas, although the State of Arizona has taken rigorous action in an
39 attempt to shield Arizona's children from obscenity and other inappropriate
40 adult content, it cannot effectively curb the problems with internet
41 pornography within its borders without the support of the United States
42 government; and

43 Whereas, the United States remains in control of the internet through
44 the United States Department of Commerce and the National Telecommunication
45 and Information Association; and

1 Whereas, the United States has the ability to create appropriate
2 policies and enforcement tools to effectively deal with these issues.

3 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
4 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

5 1. That the United States Congress enact the Internet Community Ports
6 Act of 2007 that was drafted by the CP80 foundation, www.cp80.org/resources,
7 or similar legislation that encompasses the policies proposed in that act.

8 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
9 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
10 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
11 the State of Arizona.